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SUBJ: EXPULSION OF REVEREND ROBERT FERGUSON FROM
SINGAPORE

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1. REF A WAS DISCUSSED WITH REVEREND COGGINS, WHO ANTICIPATES A FORMAL STATEMENT OF THEIR VIEWS WITHIN A FEW DAYS FROM THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH. THAT RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. CONTRARY TO COGGINS' EARLIER UNDERSTANDING, REVEREND FERGUSON AND HIS FAMILY WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED AGAIN IN SINGAPORE. (HE WAS, AS REF A SUGGESTED, APPARENTLY NEAR THE END OF HIS TOUR THERE.) HOWEVER, THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH WOULD EXPECT TO ASSIGN ANOTHER MINISTER TO SINGAPORE, TO ARRIVE DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IN THAT REGARD, THE CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STATEMENT (PREFERABLY FROM THE GOS) FOR THEIR FILES THAT THE EXPULSION WAS A MIXUP, REFLECTING NO DISCREDIT WHATSOEVER ON EITHER REVEREND FERGUSON OR THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH. WE INFER FROM THIS THAT NO WORK

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PERMIT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR REVEREND FERGUSON, BUT THAT

ASSURANCES WOULD BE APPRECIATED REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A
PERMIT TO HIS SUCCESSOR.

2. WE WILL TRANSMIT THE CHURCH'S WRITTEN STATEMENT AS
SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. SUGGEST APPROACH TO TAN AWAIT
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